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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY MADRAS FROM CALCUTTA

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1. WITH RESULTS IN FOR OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE SEATS,  
THE CPI(M) IS ROLLING UP A LARGE VICTORY IN THE WEST  
BENGAL PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS HELD ON SUNDAY. AT THE VILLAGE  
LEVEL THE STATE'S RULING PARTY HAS WON 21,000 OUT OF THE  
34,000 SEATS: AT THE MIDDLE LEVEL, 800 OUT OF 1,100 AND  
AT DISTRICT LEVEL 29 OUT OF 38.

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2. NEXT IN LINE ARE THE INDEPENDENTS, GETTING ABOUT  
20 PERCENT OF THE SEATS. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES P.C. SEN'S  
"PARTYLESS" CANDIDATES, BUT IT ALSO COVERS OTHERS, SUCH AS  
NOMINEES OF THE GORKHA LEAGUE, THAT IS STRONG IN DARJEELING,  
THE ONLY DISTRICT WHERE THE CPM IS NOT WINNING A MAJORITY.

3. THE CONGRESS(I) IS WINNING SOMETHING A LITTLE SHY OF

10 PERCENT OF THE SEATS, AND ALSO DECLARING THE POLLS  
WERE RIGGED. THE REGULAR JANATA (CHANDRASHKHAR-BIMAN MITRA)  
IS DOING VERY BADLY, MAKING VIRTUALLY NOS SHOWING  
AT ALL, WHILE THE CPI(M)'S PARTNERS IN THE  
LEFT FRONT (THE RSP AND FORWARD BLOC) ARE ALSO  
SLIPPING BY COMPARISON WITH THEIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
PERFORMANCE LAST YEAR.

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